

Testimony Concerning House Bill 6187
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I would like to thank the Judiciary Committee for the opportunity to express my support of House Bill 6187, Desmond's Law.

I have always been an animal lover and could never understand the cruelty towards them. Animals feel pain, sadness, and fear just as we do. They are kind and innocent creatures that only want our love and attention. They are the only ones that are always happy to see us and only wish to please us. They have gone too long not having rights and justice when they are abused or killed by humans. Harsher laws need to be in place to punish those that feel they have the right to take the lives of a living creature.

I have been a supporter of the ASPCA, and animal rescue shelters for years, I have seen animals neglected and near death from abuse. Those are the lucky ones that have survived and now just need a loving person to take care of them for their second chance in life. These animals and the other ones that were not so lucky, need a voice, they need US to stand up for them and what is right so they did not suffer or die in vain.

I firmly believe if you can abuse an animal then you are also a danger to people as well. In fact it is normally shown that most people that abuse or kill others start off by abusing animals. If these people do not see how wrong it is to hurt animals then what is stopping them from the next step of harming a human being? In protecting our animals and what they have endured, we in turn protect the people that may have been harmed by that same individual.

I urge you to pass Desmond's Law so animals can finally be treated with the respect they deserve. No animal should suffer and I am hoping this bill will make people think twice before laying a cruel hand on their animal.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to testify and I do hope you will strongly support this important piece of legislation.

Thank you,

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